

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 2481 – Natural Resources Department Conservation and Recreation (LSB 5362HV)
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Description

House File 2481 makes several policy changes to the Conservation and Recreation Division in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Background

The provisions of this Bill with a fiscal impact include:

- Fee changes for issuance of duplicate all terrain vehicle (ATV) or snowmobile dealer registrations and decals are increased from \$2 to \$5.
- Strikes dog trial fees and includes them as special events. The dog trial fee was \$2 and a special event fee is \$25.
- Allows the DNR to regulate the baiting and feeding of wildlife.
- Allows the State Forest Nursery to sell seedling stock to other states. Revenue from sales of nursery stock are deposited into the Land and Conservation Fund and used for operations at the State Forest Nursery located in Ames.

Assumptions

Correctional Information: The changes in the Bill are new or administrative and there is no comparable data to estimate the correctional impact. In FY 2009, there were 110 violations for snowmobiles and 459 for ATVs, however the majority of convictions were for traveling on highways.

Fiscal Information

- The cost to the DNR to issue a duplicate ATV or snowmobile dealer registration or decal is \$5 and the Department currently charges \$2. The DNR estimates they issue 500 duplicate dealer registrations or decals. This change will increase revenue to the Fish and Game Protection Fund by \$1,500 annually beginning in FY 2011.
- The DNR reported there were 683 dog trials held in FY 2009. The DNR estimates there will be 700 dog trial special events in FY 2011. This change will increase revenue to the Fish and Game Protection Fund by \$16,100 annually beginning in FY 2011.
- The regulation of baiting and feeding wildlife may reduce wildlife feed sales in Iowa, however, this amount could not be estimated.
- The DNR estimates selling one million additional seedlings at 50 cents each, but not until FY 2012, due to the adoption of Administrative Rules. The DNR estimates additional revenue to the Land and Conservation Fund of \$500,000 annually beginning in FY 2012.

Summary of Impacts

Correctional Impact: The correctional impact is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact: This Bill is estimated to increase revenue to the Fish and Game Protection Fund by \$18,000 annually beginning in FY 2011 and increase revenue to the Land and Conservation Fund by \$500,000 annually beginning in FY 2012.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources
Department of Human Rights (CJJP)

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